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If you move, please be sure to send your new address to Friends Membership Secretary Sandra Wilson, 5316 Hickory Hill Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503. You may also make a change by calling Sandra at (434) 384-3963.

Library Use Up, Budget Down

The library is an operating division of the City of Lynchburg, but receives about 20% of its funding from the State of Virginia. In FY 2001, the library received about \$269,000 in State Aid to Public Libraries funding. The funds are use primarily for purchasing books and other materials for the library's collections and to support the library's computerized catalog, LION. In FY 2002, the library was due to receive \$260,000, but because of the State's worsening financial situation, Gov. Warner ordered a 3% reduction; \$4,550 will be lost immediately. The FY 2003-2004 Budget Bill just passed by the General Assembly cuts library State Aid funding by 7.5%, or for Lynchburg approximately \$29,000, in FY 2003 and an estimated \$35,000 in FY 2004. And, the proposed City Budget submitted to City Council by City Manager Payne reduces the library's FY 2003 local funds by another \$5,600.

As reasonable as the need for belt-tightening is in these uncertain economic times, it is difficult

when the library is seeing steady increases in use. Materials check outs have been up about 18% over the past 8 months. The only place to absorb these cuts is in the materials budget.

You can help by making donations the library. The gift might be in the form of a memorial for a deceased friend or in honor of a living person, a friend, or, perhaps, a child's birthday. Staff will gladly work with the donor to select titles of interest to the donor or honoree. A book, video, audio, or book in the CD format might be appropriate; or, perhaps a magazine subscription. The library has had to reduce its magazine subscriptions as funds grew tighter and the costs rise. A gift plate indicating the honoree and/or the donor can be placed in most items. Contact the library office (847-1577) or Adult Information Desk (847-1566) with any questions.



LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
2315 Memorial Avenue
Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

Friends Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library will meet at 7 P.M. May 2, 2002, and 12 noon June 11, 2002 in the meeting room of the Library. All members are welcome to attend.

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Lynchburg Reads *Of Mice and Men* @ your library™

Our first Lynchburg Reads program is up and running! We are excited about this new program that connects people through the experience of literature. Here are some activities we have planned:

• **Sample the book** – week of April 1 (sign up for our Online Book Club at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary)

• **See the movie** – April 8 at 10 AM and 7 PM at the Main Library

• **Book Discussions** – April 15 at 10 AM and 7:30 PM at the Main Library; April 18 at 7 PM at Bookends in Forest; April 24 at 2 PM at Westminster Canterbury

• **Hear the Speaker** – April 29 at 7 PM at the Main Library – hear Dr. Susan Shillinglaw, Director of the Steinbeck Center at San Jose State University

Lynchburg Reads "Of Mice and Men"

"A thriller, a gripping tale... that you will not set down until it is finished. Steinbeck has touched the quick."
— The New York Times

John Steinbeck's classic story of loyalty and friendship focuses on two traveling farm workers. George has taken on responsibility for the mentally handicapped Lennie, who constantly seems to fall into trouble. They don't plan to travel forever — someday they will have a little place of their own...

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Sample the Book	April 1 - 5		Online Book Club (sign up now) www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary
Movie	April 8	10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.	1962 John Malkovich and Gary Sinise movie followed by discussion, Main Public Library
Book Discussions	April 15	10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.	Main Public Library
	April 18	7:00 p.m.	BOOKENDS, intersection of Rts. 221 and Pennington Road, Forest
	April 24	2:00 p.m.	Westminster-Canterbury
Speaker	April 29	7:00 p.m.	Dr. Susan Shillinglaw, Director, Steinbeck Center at San Jose State University, Main Public Library
Play	May 5 - 10	7:30 p.m.	E.C. Glass Drama Department, Admission Fee \$
Youth Book Discussions	May 13	7:00 p.m.	Givens Books, Lakeside Drive
Play/Book Discussions	May 15	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Greenview Branch Library, 980 Church Street

All above activities, except as noted, are FREE and open to the public.

Lynchburg Reads...
connecting people through the experience of literature.

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• **See the Play** – May 5-10 at E.C. Glass (admission fee \$\$)

• **Youth Book Discussion** – May 13 at 7 PM, Givens Books

• **Play/Book Discussion** – May 15 at 12 noon, Downtown Branch Library

Except where noted, all events are free and open to the public.
For more information, or to reserve a copy of *Of Mice and Men*, call 847-1566.

MAIN LIBRARY
2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
847-1565

Reference and
Information
847-1566

Youth Services
847-1717

Administration and
Technical Services
847-1577

Volunteer Program
847-1577

**DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND
LAW LIBRARY**
900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
847-1768

LIBRARY HOURS
Main
Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch
Mon. – Fri. – 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Closed Monday
May 27, Memorial Day



Read a Million Pages with America's Promise

For the second summer, the Lynchburg Public Library is a partner in the community's Read-A-Million-Pages project. From June 1 to October 1, Lynchburg's youth will read to the goal.



Celebrate National Poetry Month @ your library™

April is National Poetry Month. In honor of poetry, Youth Services will be displaying collections of poetry books in both the children's and teens' areas.

Youth Services offers books that range from the classics such as *Poems of Ralph Waldo Emerson* to more contemporary titles such as *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein. Poetry can be fun as well as serious.

Here are just five books that we suggest you check out.

Cactus Poems by Frank Asch and Ted Levin is a collection of poems that explore the secrets, vitality and humor of the desert. Beautiful color photographs accompany poems that depict desert ecosystems from the ancient petroglyphs to the current daily wait for water. Discover the vast differences found in the desert from the flick of a lizard's tongue to the slow steady gait of a tortoise.

Dinosaurs Forever by William Wise gives dinosaur enthusiasts one more book to fill their curiosity about dinosaurs. Filled with humorous dino-rhymes, this book helps us to ponder the mysteries of the mysterious dinosaurs. What color were they? What did they eat—or who?

Food Fight is a collection of 33 poems written by children's authors to join the fight against hunger. Each author gives an insightful "portion" of his or her favorite foods. Have you ever considered the banana to be a "Crescent moon

zipped snug in its skin" or the pear to be "A fruit guitar whose music is nectar"?

Insectlopedia by Douglas Florian presents 21 short poems about insects including the Io Moth who wards off creatures like science teachers, the Inchworm who strolls in thickets but never gets speeding tickets, and Whirligig Beatles who are like little toys but without wind up keys and the noise.

Spish Splash by Joan Bransfield Graham not only puts a lot of fun into her water poems, but she also makes interesting shapes out of her poems. Read *Waterfall* as the water tumbles down, *River* as it winds through the mountains and *Steam* as it rises up from the pot!

It is important that children experience early exposure to poetry. The first nursery rhymes that children hear become very satisfying to them because they enable them to predict the words. This allows them to "read" rhyming passages long before they can decode words. Once heard, children can play and replay the rhymes in their memories. Even as adults, we can replay rhymes that we have tucked away long ago. To prove the point, do you remember the words between *Row...dream*?

We invite you to come to the Youth Services department and help us celebrate National Poetry Month. Find a new poem about the *Io Moth* or acquaint yourself with an old friend such as *Little Miss Muffet*.

LORRY RISINGER, YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Reading Suggestions @ your library™

People come to the library for various reasons. Some come to research a school project, some to find the address of a company, some to set up an e-mail account to keep in touch with family and friends. And some come to find a good book to read!

The Adult Services staff has compiled a "Good Books" notebook, full of reading suggestions for all tastes. In the notebook are:

- Suggested books and websites about good books
- Copies of "The Reader's Shelf," a column on reading that appears in each issue of *Library*

Journal

- Oprah books
- Booker Prize — England's Best
- National Book Awards — fiction and non-fiction
- National Book Critics Circle awards
- PEN/Faulkner awards
- Pulitzer Prize — fiction and non-fiction
- Book lists on various topics compiled by librarians across the country
- A special section of interest to mystery lovers

Come in and take a look at our "Good Books" notebook...and leave with an armload of good books!

Summer Volunteers Needed @ your library™

The Volunteer Office is currently recruiting teenagers for summer volunteer positions. Each summer the approximately forty teen volunteers at the library usually contribute over 400 hours of service.

Most teens work for the Youth Services Department during the Summer Reading Program. Teen volunteers make it possible for the library to offer extensive summer programming that reaches several hundred children, ages three to twelve. There are numerous positions available in other departments for those teens who do not wish to work with young children.

Teens must be 13 years old or have completed the 7th grade in order to volunteer. Group interviews for prospective volunteers are scheduled for June 12th at 3:30 p.m. and June

14th at 10:00 a.m. Individual interviews can be scheduled if teens cannot attend one of the group interview sessions.

All new volunteers must also attend one orientation session prior to volunteering. New volunteer orientation sessions are scheduled for Monday June 17th from 10:00 a.m. until noon and Thursday June 20th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer applications are available at the Circulation Desk and at the Youth Services Reference Desk. Applications are also available in the guidance office at all Lynchburg City high schools and middle schools. Please return the completed applications to the library by Wednesday June 5th. For more information or to schedule an individual interview please telephone the Volunteer Coordinator at 847-1577.

Tax assistance @ your library™

Once again, the AARP is offering help with filing federal and state income taxes at both the main and branch libraries. Through April 13, members of the AARP will be at the Main Library on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM and at the Downtown Branch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM.

An additional tax aid this year is the availability of **Quicken tax software** that may be used on the library's public access Internet computers, or from a home computer. Intuit has donated access to the software, enabling those making under \$25,000 per year to complete federal and state tax forms and file them electronically for free; those earning over that amount will also be able to access the software, but will be charged a fee. Go to www.quicken.com/freedom

For more information, call 847-1566.

Computer Classes @ your library™

Our Gates Computer Lab is now being used for computer instruction. Classes are being offered in Basic Keyboard and Mouse, E-Mail, Internet, Word Processing, and starting in April, Windows Operation. Teacher Stuart Byczynski reports teaching over 900 students since January 17th, and more are coming. For more information, or to schedule a class, call 847-1566. Classes last for 1½ to 2 hours, and are free. You do not need a library card to take these classes.

Homeschooling Resources @ your library™

The library has many resources that will be helpful to homeschooled children and their parents, from *The Big Book of Home Learning* to *Homeschooling Almanac* and *The Internet for Educators and Homeschoolers*. The staff has prepared a brochure which will act as a guide for materials that can be found in the library, and on the Internet. Please come in and pick up a copy.

We get Questions @ your library™

Ever wonder what kinds of questions the librarians at the reference desk and in Youth Services are asked. Well, we have lots of questions of the "What is the capital of Afghanistan" type, and then there are ones such as the following which appeared on a fifth grade SOL worksheet: "Travel at the time Ben Franklin lived was slow compared to the many traveling choices we have today. Ben was asked to travel by ship to England and France several times during his life. Using a world map, calculate the miles from Philadelphia to England and then from Philadelphia to France. Research the amount of time it would have taken Ben to travel by ship to these locations. Then research the amount of time it would take a person to travel the same distance today by ship and by airplane. Finally, choose a place that you would like to travel to, and then calculate the distance and travel time." Phew!



Gift Suggestions for your library

The state and city budget crunches naturally put pressure on the public library to make wise use of the funds allotted to it.

Some magazine subscriptions have had to be cancelled. If you don't see your favorite magazine on the shelves any more, consider making a donation. The library willingly accepts donations of magazine subscriptions. All donations must meet with the Library's collection development policy. For more information, please call 847-1566 (adult) or 847-1717 (youth services).



Mary Olivia Rutledge Breazeale (1910–2000)

Mary was born in Marshall County, Tennessee, where her parents' families had owned land and farmed for generations. She grew up in Lewisburg, then Nashville, where she graduated from Vanderbilt and Peabody Library School. While at Vanderbilt, Mary met William MacSwain Breazeale. They were married in 1938.

Mary was working in the library at Vanderbilt when she first associated with The Agrarians, a group of young writers fighting to preserve rural southern culture. This was the start of Mary's lifelong interest in southern history and literature.

For 23 years, Mary was reference librarian at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The development of the Lynchburg Public Library became one of Mary's special avocations. Her involvement with the library allowed her love of history and literature to intersect with progressive political ideals. She was committed to the view that free access to public libraries underwrites informed citizenship. (*Special thanks to Kenon Breazeale for biographic information*)

Other Newsy Items

The Friends Executive Board
The nominating committee presented, at the March meeting, a nominated slate for the 2002-2003 Executive Board. The following will stand for election at the annual meeting May 2nd.

Lloyd Lipscomb, President
Ellen Nygaard, Vice President
Mike McDermott, Treasurer
Paul McCarthy, Assistant Treasurer
Kim Carey, Recording Secretary
Judy Hengerer, Corresponding Secretary
Sandra Wilson, Membership Coordinator

New Members-At-Large
Danny Givens
Bill Goodman
Anne Alfieri
Linda Napior
JoAnna Beverly

Additional nomination of "Friends" willing to serve on the executive board may be made from the floor.

Friends Logo History

The Friends logo was the generous gift of Mrs. Carroll H. Lippard. Sally's involvement with the Friends began in 1964, when she and her late husband, Cully, were recruited by Mary Breazeale to join the original Friends and help establish the library. Cully served on the Board from 1965-68 and was the Friends' second President. Their daughter Margie continued the family tradition by serving on the Board in the mid-90's. It was in 1992, while serving on the Friends Board, that Sally engaged the Frank B. Wright Studios to design a suitable logo.

Commercial artist Frank Wright opened his Lynchburg business in 1945 at the corner of 8th and Main Street, and for 53 years designed logos and projects of fine art that are still visible in our lives today. How about that Chapstick logo (1935), or the Lynchburg bicentennial design (1986) later adopted into the City of Lynchburg logo.



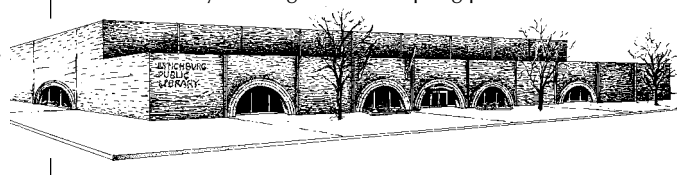
For the Friends logo, Mr. Wright chose the lamp of knowledge and an open book within the half-moon windows of the new public library at The Plaza. Mr. Wright still believes that if you can capture the pure essence of a topic in a simple design it will make an eloquent and lasting statement. The Friends logo continues today (10 years later), clearly representing the essence of the Friends' mission to the community.

Frank Wright closed his office about 5 years ago, moving a portion of the business to his basement where work continues today. You can view more of Mr. Wright's talent on Sunday afternoon May 19, 2002, when a show of his work will be on display for one week in the Academy Educational Building at 600 Main Street.



LIBRARY RENDERING

Local artist Beth Brunson drew this pen and ink sketch of the (then) new library in 1986. She was a newly minted Studio Art graduate of Sweet Briar College. For several years she made her living doing free lance work of this type for architects and homeowners. The exquisitely detailed pictures are suitable for framing or can be made into note cards. She still lives in Lynchburg and is accepting private commissions.



NEWSLETTER

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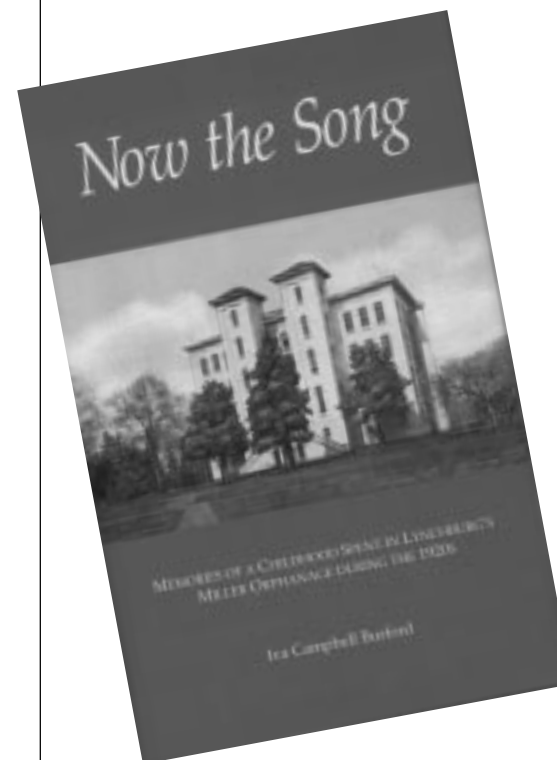
SPRING 2002

36th Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library

Tuesday, May 2nd
7:00 p.m.
Lynchburg Public Library Community Room
Light Refreshments served

Presenting a conversation with local authors Iva Campbell Burford and Nina V. Salmon, a panel discussion moderated by John Marsh.

Celebrating the Mary R. Breazeale Memorial Fund



Anne Spencer: "Ah, how poets sing and die!"
and
Now the Song will be available for purchase at the annual meeting



Dear Friends of the Library,

I'm happy to announce that the Friends of the Library received a generous gift of over \$25,000 at the end of 2001. This gift from Kenon Breazeale is given in memory of her mother, Mary R. Breazeale, who was a reference librarian at Randolph-Macon Woman's College and a member of the first Board of Directors of the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library. Because Mary Breazeale had an active interest in Southern history and culture, the Board of the Friends has decided to use a portion of this gift each year for library materials or special projects related to this particular area of interest.

In recognition of the gift, this year's annual meeting of the Friends be devoted primarily to the topic of Southern history and culture. On Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m., two local writers, Iva Campbell Burford and Nina V. Salmon, will speak about their recent books. These books were published in part through the auspices of the Center for the History and Culture of Central Virginia at Lynchburg College. Nina Salmon's book, Anne Spencer: "Ah, how poets sing and die!" includes a collection of Spencer's poems with a commentary of her life and work. Iva Burford's book, Now the Song, contains her childhood memories of life at Lynchburg's Miller Orphanage. Each book opens up an aspect of local history that may be new to us.

I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting as we celebrate the establishment of the Mary R. Breazeale Memorial Fund and the publication of these books by Lynchburg writers.

Lloyd Lipscomb
Board President

Membership for 2001

received after the Annual Giving list was published.

(please note that all donations for 2002 will appear in the Winter 2002 newsletter)

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